

Kids Walking

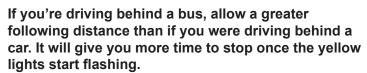


- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing walkers to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to kids crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look out for kids in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a person walking, even if you have the right of way.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for people walking.
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking people walking wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days bring excited kids and congestion: It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

School Buses



It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload kids.

- Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload kids.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for kids; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert; kids often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

Kids Riding Their Bicycles

- When passing a person bicycling, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your vehicle and them.
- When turning left and a person bicycling is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for them to pass.
- If you're turning right and a person bicycling is approaching from behind on the right, let them go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals.
- Watch for bicycle riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; kids especially have a tendency to do this.
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods.
- Watch for bicycles coming from driveways or behind parked cars.
- Check side mirrors before opening your door.



